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In re Patent Application of:
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For: MUTATION ASSOCIATED WITH STROKES

Examiner: R. Kosson

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due of July 22, 2008, Applicants wish to make of record the following comments concerning the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

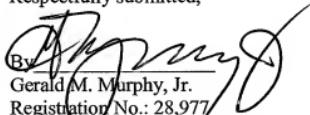
Applicants thank the Examiner for the detailed Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. In the Reasons, the Examiner provides at page 3, last 10 lines, various statements concerning the knowledge of one of ordinary skill in the art and also that the art does not disclose Applicants' mutation or a method of using this mutation to identify subjects at risk of stroke. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with all of the Examiner's assertions regarding what would have been known to one of ordinary skill in the art, Applicants agree that the art does not teach or make obvious the claimed invention.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Thomas J. Siepmann,
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any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of
time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,



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